

POMEROY), who was instrumental in the passage of this bill. We thank him for his leadership.

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to be able to participate in this discussion. I want to thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I also thank the gentlewoman for struggling with the Hidatsa pronunciation of Sakakawea, when most across the Nation learned the Shoshone pronunciation Sacajawea. I think the sensitivity you showed to our feelings that it is the Hidatsa pronunciation that ought to be applicable is really representative of the kind of sensitivity you have shown to our concerns throughout this entire matter.

As far as that goes, I want to really commend my colleague from Delaware, MIKE CASTLE. I commend also the ranking member, BARNEY FRANK, for taking what was clearly set up to be a win-lose proposition, with the losers being those who really are proud of the Sakakawea coin, a coin representing the first Native American woman ever to grace a United States coin, a coin that we think also reflects honor and celebration of the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition which opened up the north and west, and so we felt very strongly that the Mint had made the right decision moving the dollar coin forward with Sakakawea, and we were concerned about this coming to an end.

As we worked this through, this win-lose proposition became something that I now view much more favorably as a win-win proposition. I think the gentleman from Delaware has it right when he says that the introduction of the Presidents may spark a whole new interest in the dollar coin itself; and working together, we have been able to ensure that Sakakawea will continue to be on part of those coins.

As to in the end what is a right percentage or should there be a directed percentage, all I would say is we have worked in the end well on this matter, and I will pledge my commitment to continuing to work to make sure that this achieves the ends we all want: a dollar coin more popularly accepted; recognition of our Presidents; a popular collector's item for school children; and continued prominence of the Sakakawea coin in circulation in this country.

I think that in the end this has been for me a very satisfying legislative experience, and I commend the principals for making it so. Certainly, I think that you could have pursued this another way; and really, gosh, if we could do this more often around here on other issues, I think we would get a lot more done.

I also want to take the opportunity at the podium just to recognize Chairman OXLEY. As someone with a former background as an insurance commissioner, I have a deep interest in the matters of the Financial Services Committee, and the chairman's serving as the first chairman of this new com-

mittee with its broader reach of jurisdiction than the old banking committee, I think you have set a very high bar of leadership and integrity and fair-mindedness, and we have enjoyed your service in that regard. I look forward to working with you next year as you continue to serve out your chairmanship.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I again want to reiterate my support and thanks to the leadership of the gentleman from North Dakota and thanks for his cooperation. The gentlewoman from New York's negotiating skills got the Statue of Liberty on the coin. That is pretty impressive. And the gentleman from the First State has been a real leader in this for a long time. In the great tradition of our committee, we look forward to strong bipartisan support.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1047. I have the privilege of representing the West Point Mint, the home of our nation's bullion coin programs. Since 1986 the mint and its employees have produced the American Eagle series of silver, gold, and platinum bullion coins with unmatched skill and quality. Each of the tens of millions of American Eagle bullion coins that has been sold is an investment in America, a savings for taxpayers, and a vote of confidence in the workmanship of the West Point Mint.

S. 1047 builds on that legacy by authorizing two new bullion programs, an American Presidential Spouse 24 karat gold bullion coin and an American Buffalo \$50 gold bullion coin. Passage of this bill into law will ensure that the West Point Mint remains at the center of American and global bullion coin production for years to come. I urge the members of the House to join me in passing this bill.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1047.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1047.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3422) to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3422

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Small Public Housing Authority Act".

SEC. 2. PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS FOR CERTAIN SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5A(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SMALL PHASES FROM FILING REQUIREMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provision of this Act—

“(i) the requirement under paragraph (1) shall not apply to any qualified small public housing agency; and

“(ii) except as provided in subsection (e)(4)(B), any reference in this section or any other provision of law to a ‘public housing agency’ shall not be considered to refer to any qualified small public housing agency, to the extent such reference applies to the requirement to submit an annual public housing agency plan under this subsection.

“(B) CIVIL RIGHTS CERTIFICATION.—Notwithstanding that qualified small public housing agencies are exempt pursuant to subparagraph (A) from the requirement under this section to prepare and submit an annual public housing plan, each qualified small public housing agency shall, on an annual basis, make the certification described in paragraph (15) of subsection (d) of this section, except that for purposes of such small public housing agencies, such paragraph shall be applied by substituting ‘the public housing program of the agency’ for ‘the public housing agency plan’.

“(C) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified small public housing agency’ means a public housing agency that meets all of the following requirements:

“(i) The sum of (I) the number of public housing dwelling units administered by the agency, and (II) the number of vouchers under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) administered by the agency, is 250 or fewer.

“(ii) The agency is not designated pursuant to section 6(j)(2) as a troubled public housing agency.”.

(b) RESIDENT PARTICIPATION.—Section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) QUALIFIED SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), nothing in this section may be construed to exempt a qualified small public housing agency from the requirement under paragraph (1) to establish one or more resident advisory boards. Notwithstanding that qualified small public housing agencies are exempt pursuant to subsection (b)(3)(A) from the requirement